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SUBJECT: NAC MEETING; CYPRUS COUP

1. AT SPECIAL NAC MEETING CONVENED 2130 LOCAL (2030Z) EVENING JULY 16,

SYG LUNS ASKED GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES TO PROVIDE THEIR GOVERNMENTS' RESPONSES TO HIS MESSAGES TO THEM RE CYPRUS. IN RESPONSE,

GREEK REP(AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS) READ STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE BEING USED BY GREEK REPRESENTATIVES ELSEWHERE, STRESSING INTERNAL NATURE OF PROBLEM ON CYPRUS AND THAT POLICY OF GREEK GOVERNMENT TOWARD CYPRUS REMAINED UNCHANGED. TURKISH REP
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(CHARGE TULUMEN) READ STATEMENT FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WHICH STATED THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE EVIDENCE GREEK GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THE COUP WHICH IS JEOPARDIZING THE RIGHTS OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON THE ISLAND. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER

COMMENTED ALSO THAT SAMPSON WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ENOSIS ACTIVITIES AND WAS AN ENEMY OF THE TURKS. THE LETTER POINTED OUT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE POSITIONS OF GREECE AND TURKEY IN THIS AFFAIR AND CALLED ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO APPEAL TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE THIS FAIT ACCOMPLI.

2. LUNS THEN CALLED ON LOGAN WHO REPORTED THAT MAKARIOS HAD JUST LANDED IN MALTA. LOGAN SAID IT WAS NOT HIS IMPRESSION THAT MAKARIOS WOULD GO TO NEW YORK DIRECTLY AND THAT THE BRITISH EXPECTED TO KNOW MORE TOMORROW ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS. LOGAN THEN REPORTED ON THE CONTENTS OF THE DEMARCHE MADE TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. LOGAN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GREEK CONTINGENT IN THE NORMAL MANNER AND ALSO EMPHASIZED THE BRITISH INTEREST IN REPLACING THE GREEK OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. FRENCH (DE ROSE) CITED EC-9 STATEMENT ON CRISIS.

3. FOLLOWING THESE INTERVENTIONS, LUNS, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE AND DUTCH CHARGE BUWALDA, ADDRESSING THEMSELVES TO THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE, ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE GREEK AUTHORITIES WOULD DO THEIR UTMOST TO HELP RESTORE ORDER AND LEGALITY IN CYPRUS, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF REPLACING THE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS AND EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT ROTATION OF THE GREEK CONTINGENT. LOGAN AGAIN STRESSED NECESSITY OF AVOIDING ANY REINFORCEMENT OF ANY GREEK CONTINGENT. RUMSFELD COMMENTED THAT HE HAD HOPED THERE WOULD BE FEWER AMBIGUITIES BY NOW AND AGREED WITH OTHERS THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENTS OF INTENTIONS. HE THEN DIRECTED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AT THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE AIMED AT ELICITING CLARIFICATION AS TO EXTENT OF GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL OVER GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS IN CYPRUS. RUMSFELD REAFFIRMED U.S. POSITION AS HE HAD IN THE MORNING SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (USNATO 3912).

4. CHORAFAS PLEADED IGNORANCE OF ANY INVOLVEMENT BY GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS AND REPEATED THAT POSITION OF GREEK GOVERNMENT TOWARDS CYPRUS HAD NOT CHANGED. CHORAFAS SAID HE WOULD NOT FAIL
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TO TRANSMIT TO HIS GOVERNMENT THE COUNCIL SENTIMENTS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND THE PRESENCE OF THE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS.

5. LUNS SAID HE BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD BE ACCURATE IN STATING THAT THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH HE HOPED THE GREEK REP WOULD TRANSMIT TO ATHENS, WAS THAT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GREEK CONTINGENT SHOULD BE EFFECTED NORMALLY AND THAT GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS SHOULD BE REPLACED. IN GENERAL, LUNS SAID THE COUNCIL WISHES THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT TO SHOW THAT IT WANTS TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF COMPLETELY FROM ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRUS AND THAT IT AGREES WITH THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ATHENS DURING

THE DAY.

6. COMMENT: IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENING NAC TONE OF MANY INTERVENTIONS WAS NOTICEABLY ANTI-GREEK AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES SPECIFICALLY COMPLIMENTARY TO TURKISH CONDUCT SO FAR IN CRISIS. GREEK PERMREP DID NOT HELP HIS GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE WITH FEEBLE ATTEMPTS TO EVADE HARD QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS INCLUDING SYG, NOR BY HIS ATTEMPTS--ILL-ADVISED FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW--TO JUSTIFY MILITARY REVOLUTION AND TO SANITIZE IMAGE OF NICOS SAMPSON.

7. VIEW OF COUNCIL AS REFLECTED IN WHOLE DEBATE, AS ACURATELY SUMMARIZED BY SYG, AND AS IT HOPEFULLY WILL BE REPORTED BY CHORAFAS TO ATHENS IS THAT BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON GIVERNMENT OF GREECE TO DEMONSTRATE BY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGARDING THE GREEK OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD THAT THERE IS SOME MEANING TO THE GREEK STATEMENTS OF PLICY RE CYPRUS MADE IN RESPONSE TO SYG DEMARCHE AND REPORTED TONIGHT IN THE NAC.

8. COUNCIL SENSES IT HAS A ROLE AND IS IN MOOD TO PLAY IT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT COUNCIL DEBATE AND ACTION IN THIS MATTER IS NOW KEY ELEMENT IN MAKING IMPRESSION ON INTERESTED PARTIES WITH SYG PERSONAL ROLE NOW LESS DOMINANT. COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS ITS POINT OF VIEW UPON GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WILL NO DOUBT RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT TOMORROW MORNING (JULY 17) AND AT OTHER MEETINGS IN NEAR FUTURE.

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9. TIME WHEN PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR U.S. IS TO LET OTHERS TAKE LEAD IS PAST. OTHERS HAVE CLEARLY TAKEN THE LEAD. NOW OUR PROBLEM

IS TO NOT LET IT SEEM THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND OR THAT BY OUR

RELATIVE SILENCE WE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE GUILTY OF TACIT SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK REGIME'S OFFER TO STATUS QUO POST BELLUM, WHICH CONTINUED LACK OF ANY REPEAT ANY INSTRUCTED USG COMMENTS IN NAC COULD ENCOURAGE.

10. I REPEAT REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN USNATO 3912 AND ADD ADDITIONAL ONES AS FOLLOWS: THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM

COUNCIL OF

- (A) U.S. DEMARCHES TO GREECE AND TURKEY;
- (B) CONTENT OF THOSE DEMARCHES;
- (C) OTHER STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN IN THIS AFFAIR;
- (D) DETAILS OF THOSE OTHER STEPS;
- (E) U.S. POLICY IN FULLER DETAIL--NOT SIMPLY BY REFERENCE TO STATEMENTS

MADE ELSEWHERE OR BY ME ON PERSONAL BASIS, BUT IN EFFECT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR ALLIES OF WHERE WE STAND IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY ON

SUCH CURRENT ISSUES AS SEPTEMBER 17 ROTATION OF GREEK FORCES AND U.K.
DEMARCHE TO ATHENS CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF THE 600 GREEK OFFICERS
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO WHETHER THEY INVOLVED OR NOT IN COUP.

11. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
RUMSFELD

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